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President's Message

Kevin Estrem—President, AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter

As your new president, I would like to wish all of our members, Community Partners, and our active duty, Reserve, National Guard, and civil Air Patrol airman and cadets, and their families a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!

The Sijan Chapter is concluding another award-winning year in supporting the Air Force Family and our wonderful Colorado Springs Community. We are very proud and appreciative of those who have answered the call to serve and defend our nation. Too often we Americans take our freedoms for granted. The AFA Sijan Chapter members want all of you that serve...active duty, guard and reserves and your families to know how much we appreciate your sacrifices and honor your service – we salute you!

2010 will be another busy year for the Chapter. Our planning committees are already meeting and preparing for the events we will support and host throughout the year. We have dedicated volunteers and are always looking for others to help us support the active duty military activities. The first big event for the year is the Air Force Ball that will be held at the Broadmoor Hall on Friday, 19 February 2010 and will once again showcase the Air Force's best..."Tops-in-Blue" show. In March we will host a pizza party at the USAFA Cadet Field house supporting the Wing Open Boxing Tourney as we raise money for the Cadet Wing chosen Charity. In June, we host the Space and Cyberspace Warfare Symposium at Keystone Resort Conference Center, Keystone CO. from 8-10 June 2010. This Symposium draws government and industry leaders together from all over the country to talk and learn about space and cyberspace related issues and concerns. So please mark your calendars and get registered early for any or all of these events. As I said before, we are always in need of volunteers to assist in making these events successful.

I'd also like to give special Thanks to our Sponsors and Community Partners that support and attend our events as they are key to helping us keep the costs affordable for our active duty members to attend these wonderful events.

Again, Thank You for your support and I look forward to another fantastic year for the AFA "Sijan" Chapter as we continue to do great things for our Air Force Community.

CHALLENGERS

SUPPORT OUR AF PEOPLE: SUPPORT, PROMOTE AND RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AIR FORCE MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES.

EDUCATE OUR COMMUNITY: EDUCATE THE GREATER COLORADO SPRINGS COMMUNITY ON THE BENEFITS OF A STRONG AIR FORCE.

MAINTAIN STRONG RELATIONSHIPS: MAINTAIN A STRONG RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION WITHIN THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL TEAM.

NEWSLETTER REMINDER
The Sijan Sentinel has Gone Green!



Please remember to update your email address with AFA National. In an effort to "Go Green" the Lance P. Sijan Chapter has implemented emailing the Quarterly Newsletter. To receive *The Sijan Sentinel*, the Chapter needs your current email address.

Please update by [clicking here](#). Or go to service@afa.org.

Thank you for your readership and contributions to The Sijan Sentinel and the Lance P. Sijan Chapter.

Chapter Awards and Community Partner Appreciation Reception



Gayle White presenting Roy Griggs with an Exceptional Service

The Lance P Sijan Chapter held its annual Chapter Awards and Community Partner Appreciation Reception on November 17th at the Association of Graduates-Doolittle Hall at the Air Force Academy. Over 60 of our AFA volunteers and Community Partners attended this event. Sijan President, Kevin Estrem

welcomed those in attendance and thanked everyone for their support of the Chapter.

Colorado State AFA President, Brian Binn and Gayle White, former State President presented awards and recognized those AFA volunteers who received National AFA recognition and State recognition.

Kevin Estrem recognized this year's key Chapter volunteers. Under Tom Cavalli's Presidency and leadership of the Sijan Chapter, the following awards were presented:

PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

- Judee Albert
- Jeri Andrews
- Judy Arnold
- Henry Baird
- ATK Graphics

- Jeanin Damery
- Debbie Estrem
- Kevin Estrem
- Jim Hale
- Don Knight
- CT Trafton
- Sharon White
- STAR AWARD
- Jim Painter
- Hank Scarangella

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION CITATION

- Jim Child
- Gayle Divine
- Ray Powell

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

- Roy Griggs
- Phil Hamann

MEDAL OF MERIT

- TSgt Greg Baker
- Wes Clark
- Tim Lemons
- Rich Lucas
- James Wood

Debbie Estrem thanked our Sijan Community Partners for their support in 2009.

The following Community Partners were in attendance and recognized:

- Aerotek
- AT&T
- ATK Space Systems

- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Braxton Technologies, LLC
- COLSA Corporation
- Cookies By Design
- CSC
- DeWitt Promotional Products
- Digital Consulting Services
- Douglas & Associates Consulting Services
- Flesia Chiropractic
- General Dynamics AIS
- General Dynamics C4 Systems
- Lockheed Martin
- Lucas Promotional Products
- ManTech
- MEI Technologies
- Mushroom Monday
- Oasis, A salon and Day Spa
- Pikes Peak Association of Realtors
- RAM, Inc.
- SAIC
- Scitor
- Space Foundation
- The Association of Graduates
- USAA

Debbie Estrem and Sijan President, Kevin Estrem then welcomed and presented Community Partner Plaques to three new Community Partners: Federal Document Shredding, Peak Opportunities, and High Maintenance Salon w/ Manscaping.

The Chapter would like to thank all the individuals and companies that provided support to our Chapter in 2009 either through volunteering or financially. It's all for a great cause-our local military! We hope to see you at our 2010 Annual Chapter Awards Reception.



Gayle White presents Tim Lemons of GD (l), Gregg Baker (m) and James Woods (r) with AFA Citations for 2009.





Kevin Estrem present Medal of Merit to Wes Clark.



Gayle White (l) and Brian Binn (r) presents Henry Baird of ATK the AFA National Medal of Merit for 2009.



1LT Cassie Devolites & 2LT Leanne Babcock



Kevin Estrem presenting Gayle Divine her Certificate of Appreciation.



Gayle White (l) and Brian Binn (r) present Kevin Estrem with the National AFA Exceptional Service Award for 2009.



James Woods of Aerotek receives the Jack Gross Award for Chapter membership larger than 1500 members for 2009.



Gayle White (l) and Brian Binn (r) presents Kevin Estrem with AFA National Aerospace Education Achievement Award for 2009.



Gayle White presenting Rich Lucas his Medal of Merit.



Kevin Estrem presenting Ray Powell his Certificate of Appreciation Citation.



Brian Binn presenting Gayle White the Exceptional Service Award and an Honorary Fellowship citation for the Lance P. Sijan Chapter.



Kevin Estrem presenting Jim Hale with the Sijan Chapter Presidential Award for 2009.



Gayle White (l) and Brian Binn (r) present Hank Scarangella with an AFA National Medal of Merit Citation for 2009.



Gayle White (l) and Brian Binn (r) present Debbie Estrem with the National AFA Exceptional Service Award for 2009.



Sharon White receiving Sijan Presidential Award from Kevin Estrem. .



Judee Albert receiving the CO State Presidential Award from Gayle White.



Air Force Talking Points

Provided by CMSAF James Roy



Personalize and localize these talking points as you speak to your audiences about the Air Force. Link your message to big Air Force themes, but make it personal to you and relevant to your local audience.

THE MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE IS TO FLY, FIGHT AND WIN...IN AIR, SPACE AND CYBERSPACE

VIEW FROM THE TOP

"Today's operational needs and fiscal constraints continue to force us to make tough choices about the investment priorities of our Air Force – not shy away from them. These choices assure that the Air Force will continue to provide the world's finest air, space and cyber power. These choices also drive greater balance into our force structure and skill sets."

- Gen Norton Schwartz, Chief of Staff

MODERNIZE OUR AIR AND SPACE INVENTORIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND TRAINING

Fundamental to our Air Force is the ability to exploit air, space, and cyberspace. As the Nation adapts to an evolving threat environment across the spectrum of operations, the Air Force must maintain a comprehensive set of capabilities – organizations, Airmen, and equipment – available to a Joint Force Commander in any scenario.

Key Messages, Facts, and Figures

- Over the past year, the Air Force flew almost 435,000 hours in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and since 2001, nearly 56,000 sorties to protect the American homeland – aging the AF fleet at a rate faster than planned.
- We continue to press on all fronts to deliver high-demand ISR and other urgent capabilities for the CENTCOM AOR and all Combatant Commands. We're on a path to 50 UAS CAPS in 2011.
- The KC-X tanker replacement program is the Air Force's #1 acquisition priority.
 - ✓ While the Eisenhower-era tanker fleet is older than any other force element, tankers support everything from counterinsurgency missions to humanitarian operations daily, worldwide.
- The F-35 will deliver air power, an essential element of national security strategy, and is a capability needed to defeat 21st century threats. The aircraft will allow the U.S. and our allies to perform our mission for the next 20 to 30 years.
 - ✓ The FY10 President's Budget increases the F-35 buy in FY10 with a continued increase across the FYDP.
- The Air National Guard, for the first time, will be the sole American operator of a brand new aircraft. Designed for extremely rugged environments, the C-27J will allow the Air Force to meet the Army's time sensitive / mission critical resupply needs.
 - ✓ The AF and Army are currently validating operational concepts for the direct support mission.
- AF Global Strike Command assumed 20th AF mission on 1 December 2009.
 - ✓ Three missile wings operationally align under AFGSC: 90MW, FE Warren AFB, WY; 91MW, Minot AFB, ND; 341MW, Malmstrom AFB, MT
 - ✓ Consolidating these capabilities under a single major command enhances the ability to uphold the high standards required to operate, maintain, secure and support nuclear deterrence and global strike forces.

Quick Facts

All Air Force personnel must be "Cyber Wingmen," recognizing their actions and activities on the network impact the ability to execute the Air Force mission. [Click here](#) to review the 10 guiding principles for securing cyberspace (PDF)

The avg age of the Operational Fleet is 24.1 yrs; in 1967 it was 8.42 yrs – a 186% increase in average age over 42 yrs.

While 2008 was the safest flying year on record aircraft losses are an operational reality. The AF lost 82 aircraft in contingency operations since 2001 and received funding to replace 77% of those losses.

AIR FORCE PRIORITIES

REINVIGORATE THE AIR FORCE NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE
 PARTNER WITH THE JOINT AND COALITION TEAM TO WIN TODAY'S FIGHT
 DEVELOP AND CARE FOR AIRMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES
 MODERNIZE OUR AIR AND SPACE INVENTORIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND TRAINING
 RECAPTURE ACQUISITION EXCELLENCE

INTEGRITY FIRST...SERVICE BEFORE SELF...EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO



AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Activities & Accomplishments — 2009

- Selected as **AFA National's Extra Large Chapter of the Year for 2009** (the 5th time we've won this prestigious National award!)
- Won the AFA National **Jack Gross Membership Award** winner – **4th year in a row!**
- Won the AFA National **Gold Award for Community Partners Program** – **6th year in a row!**
- Hosted the Annual **Colorado Springs Air Force Ball** at the Broadmoor Hotel
- Provided **reduced-cost tickets to airmen** for the Air Force Ball
- Supported local Wing and Command **Quarterly and Annual Award programs**
- Co-sponsored the **IMAGE Golf Tournament**, raising money for Chapter scholarships
- Awarded **\$13,000 in college scholarships** to Chapter **member dependents**
- Awarded **free- 1year memberships to AFA** for all military and civilian Quarterly and Annual Award winners from AFSPC, Peterson AFB, Schriever AFB, USAFA, and all Pitsenbarger Award Winners
- Hosted the 4th Annual **Space Warfare Symposium** supporting HQ AFSPC and warfighters
- Sponsored the **Gen Jerome O'Malley Award** recognizing contributions to space warfare
- Donated to **SNOFEST** in support of **military families**
- Supported the local area **Chief Master Sergeants Orientation/Recognition Program**
- Sponsored the **Air Force Academy Outstanding Squadron Banquet**
- Donated to the **Chamber of Commerce's Armed Forces Day Luncheon**
- Sponsored the **AFSPC Operational Excellence Award** recognizing the top officer and enlisted space operators in AFSPC
- Donated **300 Sky Sox baseball tickets and Ad in Program** to deserving local airmen
- Contributed to the **Rocky Mountain Company Grade Officers Council**
- Awarded Community College of the Air Force **Pitsenbarger Award** winners
- Sponsored **Space and Missile Pioneer Hall of Fame** portraits
- Supported the **Homeland Defense Symposium**
- Donated/Hosted a Pizza Party for the **USAFA Wing Open Boxing cadet-selected Charity**
- Donated to the **Armed Forces YMCA**
- Sponsored refreshments for Peterson AFB **Community College of the Air Force graduation** ceremony
- Honored Air Force Veterans at **Veteran's Day and Memorial Day wreath laying** ceremonies
- Contributed to **Veteran's Day Parade** planning committee
- Selected a Chapter **Teacher of the Year**, also won Colorado State Teacher of the Year
- Contributed to the Cheyenne Mountain **Team America Rocketry Challenge team**
- Supported **Visions of Exploration** program
- Donated to the **Home Front Cares** fund-raising dinner as a sponsor
- Donated to sponsor a class for the **Challenger Learning Center**
- Donated to support the **Navy League's Pearl Harbor Dedication Ceremony**
- **Donated to the Veteran's Day Celebration Luncheon**
- Hosted the **AEF National Board Member** for dinner at Biaggi's
- Hosted the **AFA National President/CEO** for dinner with Staff





Twass the Night Before Christmas in All Sijan Land

Twas the night before
Christmas, when all through
the Chapter
Not an Officer was stirring,
not even a member.
The newsletter was written and
emailed with care,
Announcing Events; hoping that
you will be there!



Out in the city there arose
such a clatter,

To everyone's glee the

Sijan Chapter was the matter!

And chosen as "Outstanding Extra Large
Chapter of the Year"

Once again, this award is always held dear!



The Community Partners were
nestled snug in their beds,
While visions of profits danced in their head!
From defense contractors, to salons
to hotels to construction,
They give much for our troops,
and deserve recognition!

Let's ring the bells and welcome Troops home
with deserving affection!



Please check out our website
and see who CPs are,
We appreciate their support,
feel they are the best by far!
So many companies are with us,
through thick and through thin,
Please support them, they support us,
the situation is WIN-WIN!



Chapter goals are to support, promote,
and make opportunities,
To recognize Air Force Men,
Women and their families.
Always ready to help and
educate the community,
Contributing to aide Airmen
at every opportunity,
Also maintaining strong relationships
in the Community

The Sijan Chapter is always
ready for duty!



Planning the Air Force Ball is high on the list,
And making the Space and Cyberspace Warfare
Symposium the best!!

Scheduling volunteers and speakers
part of the plan,

Our Chapter invites all in
Government-Contractor land.



With a retired Chief Master Sergeant,
so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment he wasn't Saint Nick!

More rapid than UAVs his Chapter VPs
they came,

And he whistled and shouted and
called them by name;

"Now Hank! Now, Tim! Now David and Jim!

On Debbie! On, Elizabeth!

On Jeanin and Brian Binn!

To the top of the Headquarters,
to the top of the Nation!

We must unite and prove
our Chapters a sensation!



With a Chapter membership that's great --
and our Leadership too,

Our chapter needs volunteers to help
spread the news!

Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a chance to give a
membership gift to someone so dear!



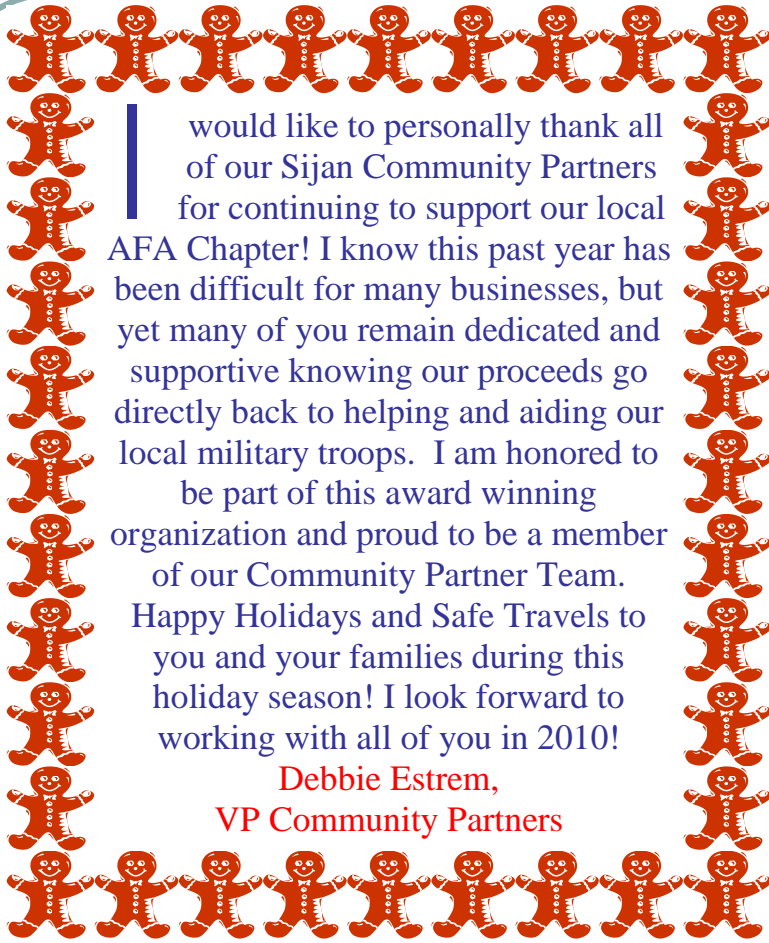
In a matter of minutes posted on the website,
For all members to enjoy; to share;
and shed our Chapters light,
Our Chapter President sprang on his horse,
to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like
the down of a thistle!



As they left quickly,
Chapter Officers exclaimed,
with all of their might:

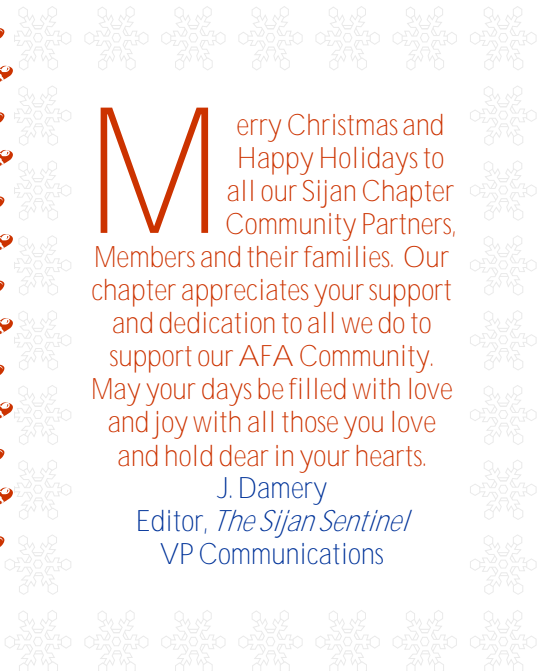
Merry Christmas to
all, and to all a good
night!





I would like to personally thank all of our Sijan Community Partners for continuing to support our local AFA Chapter! I know this past year has been difficult for many businesses, but yet many of you remain dedicated and supportive knowing our proceeds go directly back to helping and aiding our local military troops. I am honored to be part of this award winning organization and proud to be a member of our Community Partner Team. Happy Holidays and Safe Travels to you and your families during this holiday season! I look forward to working with all of you in 2010!

Debbie Estrem,
VP Community Partners



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our Sijan Chapter Community Partners, Members and their families. Our chapter appreciates your support and dedication to all we do to support our AFA Community. May your days be filled with love and joy with all those you love and hold dear in your hearts.

J. Damery
Editor, *The Sijan Sentinel*
VP Communications



I know I won't have the opportunity to see many of you over the holidays, but I just wanted you to know what a great pleasure it has been working with true professionals this past year. There is no question in anyone's mind that AFA is a great organization because of the great dedication and professionalism exhibited by its members. The cause is important to us and our Air Force. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you.



Wes Clark
Maj Gen (ret) USAF



To the Lance P. Sijan Chapter of the AFA
May one and all have a VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and a JOYOUS and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!



Around Your AFA Community

NEW AND RENEWED COMMUNITY PARTNERS



Enterprise IT Solutions



ITT

Engineered for life



NORTHROP GRUMMAN



The Colorado Springs
BUSINESS JOURNAL



Dynetics
The Power of Solutions®

Colorado Thirty Group

LOCKHEED MARTIN



Federal Document Shredding

Trina's Brewed Awakenings, Inc.



Save the Date!



Stay Vigilant

Air Force Ball 2010

FEBRUARY 19, 2010

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this gala Black Tie / Mess Dress event.

The Air Force Association, Lance P. Sijan Chapter will host the annual Air Force Ball at the prestigious Broadmoor resort.

FEATURING: *More information coming soon*



www.afasijan.com



Happy Holidays to all our AFA Sijan Members and our Community Partners

We thank you for your support and appreciate and enjoy your friendship.



Kevin Estrem welcoming Carl Eckel and Carol Yanagawa Eckel of **High Maintenance Salon w/Manscaping** as new Community Partners.

5 Star Bank
 A. Marvin Strait
 Academy Title Company
 ADD STAFF
 Aero Thermo Technology, Inc.
 Aerotek
 Air Academy Federal Credit Union
 Aleut Management Services
 American Printing & Copying Inc.
 Americom Government Services
 Analytical Graphics, Inc.
 Antlers Hilton
 ARINC
 Armed Forces Bank

Digital Consulting Services
 Domino's Pizza
 DoubleTree Hotel Colorado Springs
 Douglas & Associates Consulting Services
 Dynetics, Inc
 EG&G
 Epsilon Systems Solutions
 Everything for Offices
 Excell Consulting International, Inc.
 FD Solutions
 Federal Document Shredding
 Fidelity Mortgage Solutions
 First Choice Awards & Gifts, Inc.
 First Command Financial Planning
 Flesia Chiropractic
 GE Johnson Construction Company
 General Dynamics- C4 Systems
 General Dynamics-Advanced Information Systems
 Harris Corporation
 Hewlett-Packard Company
 High Maintenance Salon w/Manscaping
 HILDERBRAND & Associates, P.C.
 Hilton Garden Inn
 Hilton Garden Inn Colorado Springs Airport
 Honeywell
 IBM
 Infinity Systems Engineering
 Ingenuity Research Corporation
 INTECON
 ITT Industries, Systems Division
 John Baily
 Kaiser Advertising
 Keystone Resort & Conference Center
 Ki, LLC
 L-3 Communications
 L-3 Communications Engineering & Technical Services
 Lockheed Martin Corporation

Becoming a Community Partner in the Sijan Chapter helps give back to your Air Force Community!

AT&T
 ATK
 Ball Aerospace
 Bank of Colorado
 Booz Allen Hamilton
 Borg Warner Cleaners
 Braxton Technologies, LLC
 Bryan Construction
 CB Insurance, LLC
 Cheyenne Mountain Resort
 Citi Smith Barney
 Coca Cola
 Colorado Canyon Signs, Inc.
 Colorado Springs Business Journal
 Colorado Springs Marriott
 Colorado Springs Sky Sox
 COLSA Corporation
 Concept Vision, LLC
 Cookies By Design
 Copy It
 Courtyard by Marriott
 Crowne Plaza Hotel
 CSC
 Delta Solutions & Strategies, LLC
 DeWitt, Inc.



Lucas Promotional Products
 Managed Business Solutions LLC
 ManTech Space Systems
 ManTech SRS Technologies
 Master Solutions
 McNeil Technologies
 MEI Technologies, Inc.
 Merrill Lynch
 Mike Shaw Buick Pontiac GMC, Inc
 Minerva Engineering
 Mushroom Monday Screen Printing & Embroidery
 National Homeland Defense Foundation
 New Generation Homes
 Nicky's LTD (Nicky's Resort)
 Northrop Grumman
 OASIS-a Salon and Day Spa
 OfficeScapes
 On the Border
 Overhead Door Company of Colorado Springs
 Peak Backup, LLC
 Peak Opportunities
 Pikes Peak Association of Realtors
 Pikes Peak Community College
 Pioneer Services
 Radisson Inn & Suites
 RAM, Inc.
 Raytheon Company
 Residence Inn by Marriott at Interquest
 Rocky Mountain Dinosaur Resource Center
 Saddletree and Symphony Homes
 SAIC
 Scitor Corporation
 Security Service Federal Credit Union
 Segovia, Inc.
 Serco, Inc.
 Shane Ray with REMAX Properties, Inc.
 Space Foundation
 SpringHill Suites Colorado Springs South
 STG
 Summit Technical Solutions
 TD Support Services Corporation
 TechWise
 Tek Systems
 Teledyne CollaborX, Inc.
Teresa's Oatmeal Overboard!
 Textron Systems
 The Aerospace Corporation
 The Airplane Restaurant
 The Boeing Company

The Broadmoor
 The CENTECH Group
 The Colorado Thirty Group
 The Durango Group
 The Greater Colorado Springs
 Economic Development
 Corporation
 The Landhuis Company
 The Rader Network
 Town & Country Realty
 Towneplace Suites Colorado Springs South
 Trina's Brewed Awakenings, Inc.
 United Space Alliance, LLC
 USAA
 USAF Academy Association of Graduates
 Valdez International
 Wini Hulterstrom - Wini's Realty
 Wolverine Services, Inc.
 Zimkas Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.



Kevin Estrem welcoming Liz Anderson of **Peak Opportunities** as a new Community Partner.



Kevin Estrem welcoming Jim Casey of **Federal Document Shredding** as a new Community Partner



Note from AFA National President

EXTRACTED FROM THE PRESIDENTS CORNER—DECEMBER 5, 2009
MICHAEL M. DUNN PRESIDENT/CEO

Business Items + Twitter

We remember those who served our nation, and those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom.

AFA Members, a few things for you to consider as we approach the Holiday season. First, please consider end-of-the year donations to the Air Force Association and its educational programs. We fund scholarships to spouses, to the children of our enlisted force, as well as numerous other programs ... to include funding for parts of the Air Force Memorial. See this link for more information: <http://www.afa.org/ae/cntrbtns/>

Secondly, please consider the gift of an AFA Membership to family members and friends. Such a gift goes to support our various missions and helps support Air Force Airpower. I frequently tell audiences that the Air Force need AFA more now ... in today's world ... than almost any other time in history. Becoming a member is easy and can be done on line. See this link to join us: <https://www.afa.org/forms/joinapp.asp?pm=showform&cn>

Thirdly, we have a variety of Holiday cards as well as an Air Force Memorial Collector's Ornament. The latter makes an excellent gift to family members. For cards, see: www.holidaycardcenter.org/afa. For Ornaments, see: www.afa.org/store Take a moment to troll around the store the Air Force Memorial Brooch is an Ann Hand pin ... and make an excellent gift for many family members.

Fourthly, December is the only opportunity to enroll in AFA's Group Legal Services Program. This is a new program and many have already signed on ... see this website for more information: www.afavba.org/legal

Finally, an article a few weeks ago caught my attention. It is entitled "Why I Tweet" by Gen Craig McKinley. Gen McKinley is the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and a great supporter of AFA. I was encouraged to learn how he uses Twitter to communicate with fans. You can find the article at: <http://www.federaltimes.com/article/20091120/ADOP06/911200310/1037/ADOP>

For your consideration.
Mike
Group Legal Services Program. This is a new

AFA REMEMBERS PEARL HARBOR



Extracted from: Air Force Magazine Daily Reports

Arlington, VA – The Air Force Association (AFA) today released the following statement on the anniversary of the attacks on Pearl Harbor:

“On this day in 1941, the aerial attack on Pearl Harbor launched the U.S. into World War II. Today, we honor those who served on that historic day, and the great national effort of the four years that followed to defeat the Axis forces. We

remember those who served our nation, and those who gave their lives for the cause of freedom.



AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
TOP ISSUES FOR 2010

SUPPORTING OUR AIRMEN

- The Air Force Association salutes all of our troops for their service.
- The Air Force Association will strongly oppose any effort to change TRICARE.

RECAPITALIZING THE AGING FLEET

- Begin the production of new tankers.
- Continue acquisition of the C-17, modification of the C-5B/Cs, and gain the flexibility to retire the older C-5As.
- Increase the production rate of the F-35.
- Retain CSAR as a core Air Force mission and replace the CSAR helicopter.
- Take the necessary steps to ensure Long-Range Strike capability is sustainable.

THE NUCLEAR ENTERPRISE

- Provide a life extension program that ensures safe, reliable, and secure nuclear weapons to deter, assure, and provide stability.
- Caution the Administration and Congress against large nuclear weapon reductions that will undermine our security.

SECURING SPACE AND CYBERSPACE

- Place an increased emphasis on space capabilities and robustly fund this critical mission area.
- Focus on developing the next generation of cyber security experts and capabilities now.

DEVELOPING AIR FORCE PEOPLE; EDUCATING AIRPOWER PROFESSIONALS

- Invest in technical education to build the support foundation the nation needs.
- Continue and expand national programs encouraging the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

INVESTING IN AIRPOWER

- Support a minimum defense spending base of four percent of the national gross domestic product.
- Urge DOD to establish a strategic plan to define the elements of a robust defense industrial base and the steps needed to maintain that robustness.



PROMOTING AIR FORCE AIRPOWER

AFA/VBA Benefit Highlights

HEALTH CARE REFORM—TRICARE

Last week, the House of Representatives narrowly passed a wide-ranging health care reform package that is likely to affect most Americans. The Senate is already bracing for the debate that is sure to come, and the Air Force Association is doing its part to educate Members of Congress and their staffs on behalf of military retirees and veterans, who also stand to be impacted by this legislation. We will continue to remind Congress that VA health care and TRICARE are earned benefits as a result of the unique and often adverse conditions of military service. Though the reform legislation does contain provisions that are designed to ensure the impact upon veterans and military retirees is minimal, we and other members of the Military Coalition (organizations similar to AFA) are monitoring this closely and want to do all we can to ensure VA and TRICARE benefits are protected.

Therefore, we would like you to write your Senators and make these points:

- The House bill labels VA healthcare and TRICARE as “qualified” coverage. If you have this coverage, you will not have to pay a tax ... and any Senate action needs this same provision
- The final bill should explicitly state that this is the responsibility of the VA

and the DOD to provide health-care for members of the military and veterans and their families. [It presently does not ... and our concern is that these programs could be shifted to the Department of Health and Human Services in the future.]

- The House bill provides tax credits to low income persons to purchase insurance. We believe these credits should be available to veterans who need to purchase additional insurance
- Bottom line: TRICARE works; keep it separate from any so-called public option; don't tax it; it is a benefit earned from years of service and sacrifice.

As a reminder, the best way to get the information through the security system and into the hands of the staff is to mail the letters to the Senator's local offices and faxed to their Washington offices. You can find the addresses and fax numbers at: <http://capwiz.com/afa/home/> or www.senate.gov.

Colorado Elected officials can be found by [clicking here](#).



How To Contact AFA

- To be added to the AFA Update distribution list, please e-mail us at: service@afa.org
- To change the e-mail address to which you receive the AFA Update service@afa.org Please provide the old and new e-mail addresses.
- For questions or comments about the AFA Update, e-mail (srubel@afa.org).
- To change the mailing address or other information for your AFA membership record, visit <https://www.afa.org/AboutUs/members/address.asp>
- To join AFA or renew your membership, visit https://www.afa.org/forms/joinapp.asp?pm=show_form&cn=
- For details on your AFA member benefits, go to: <http://www.afavba.org/AboutUs/members/>

AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION
LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER

We will continue to remind Congress that VA health care and TRICARE are earned benefits as a result of the unique and often adverse conditions of military service.





2010 Industry Military Annual Golf Event (IMAGE)

Attire: Collared shirts, no jeans or tee shirts, regulation golf shoes.

Team Composition: Each team will ideally consist of a mix of low and high handicapped players and will include a mix of military, government civilians and industry contractors, thus the name IMAGE! There will be NO sponsored corporate or government teams.

Format and Scoring: This is a modified scramble tournament. There will be first, second, third and last place prizes for gross team scores. Additional rules to be briefed on tournament day.

Mulligans: A Mulligan Package will be available for purchase.

Tote Bag Donations

All donations appreciated for 144 golfers.

Prizes

Donations in multiples of four to accommodate four player teams are appreciated.

For Sponsorship Details, please contact:

Mark Crews at 719.339.1718 (markcre@cdwg.com)

Friday, 13 August 2010

Times: Breakfast & Registration: 0630

Shotgun Start: 0800

Lunch and Awards: 1300 -1430

Cheyenne Shadows Golf Club
7800 Titus Blvd, Ft. Carson, CO
719.526.4122

Awards	\$4000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing.	
Registration for 2 golfers.	
Lunch	\$3000
Hang banner at event, preferred golf pairing. Registration for 2 golfers.	
Putting Contest	\$2500
Hang banner at event. Logo signs on putting green.	
Sponsor provides manning.	
Beverage	\$2000
Hang banner at event.	
Mulligans	\$1000
Multiple Mulligan sponsors are welcome.	
Place company logo on golfers.	
Hang banner at event.	
Closest to Hole	\$750
Logo at tee box and on Contest Sign.	
Hole	\$500
Company sign at tee box.	

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August 13, 2010



Calendar of Events

LANCE P. SIJAN CHAPTER MONTHLY MEETINGS

PLACE: ARMED FORCES YMCA-SOUTHEAST LOCATION ON JETWING DRIVE

DATE: EVERY 2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEBSITE: [HTTP://WWW.AFASIJAN.COM](http://www.afasijan.com)

AIR FORCE BALL 2010

PLACE: BROADMOOR HOTEL, COLORADO SPRINGS, CO

DATE: FEBRUARY 19, 2010

TIME: 6:00 P.M.—MIDNIGHT

WEBSITE: COMING SOON!

SPACE AND CYBERSPACE WARFARE SYMPOSIUM 2010

PLACE: KEYSTONE RESORT, CO

DATE: JUNE 8-10, 2010

WEBSITE: : [HTTP://WWW.SPACEWARFARE.ORG](http://www.spacewarfare.org)

WING OPEN BOXING PIZZA PARTY

PLACE: USAFA FIELD HOUSE, USAFA, CO

DATE: 7 MAR 2010

More Information coming Soon!





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